

**B) Remarks:**

The indication of allowable subject matter in claims 9 and 18 is noted and Applicant has therefore placed this application in condition for allowance by incorporating the subject matter of these allowable claims together with all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims into the respective parent claims 1 and 12.

However, Applicant finds additional subject matter which should be allowed and has therefore incorporated this into new claims 22 through 26.

One of the important features of Applicant's poncho type outer garment is that the upper arm portions of the sleeves are open at or along the bottom for alternate protrusion therethrough of a wearer's arms. This is not shown by Ceron as indicated by the Examiner. FIG. 1 of Ceron shows that the upper arm portions of his sleeves are fully closed and they are not opened at or along the bottom whereby ones arms may alternately protrude therethrough. His tubular sleeves are closed the entire length of the arms.

In addition, Applicant's new claim 22 further calls for the upper arm portions to be secured to exterior portions of the shoulder and front and back portions of the main body. Contrary to this, Ceron shows his sleeves being secured to the interior portions of the shoulder portion. Thus the Ceron poncho does not provide ventilation at the upper arm area, does not permit protrusion of ones arms alternately through the bottom of the upper arm portions and Ceron's sleeves do not fasten

to the exterior of the shoulder and front and back panel portions and therefore Ceron's upper arm portions cannot expand or move with the exterior portions of the shoulder and front and back portions of the poncho.

For these reasons, it is believed that new claims 22 through 26 are also allowable and therefore reconsideration with notice of allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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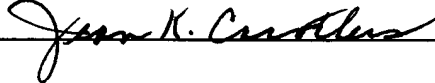


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